

Before Agriculture

Archaeologists discover ancient storage bins ...

Although people may not have been farming 11,000 years ago, they knew about the importance of good grain storage.

The recent discovery of small grain storage bins built by Neolithic people, have been found in Jordan, near the Dead Sea.

These hunting and gathering people built granaries for safe year-round storage of wild barley harvested from the Jordan Valley.

It is speculated that this laid the ground-work for sowing seeds on suitable bits of land, as the earliest stage for agriculture.

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